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SEES CANADA AS LIFELINE FOR BRITISH SUPPLIES

BRITAIN WANTS TO BUY FROM CANADA "ALL CAN AFFORD"

Minister Pleased Balance of Trade with Dollar Area Greatly Improved

WAR ISSUE AT OTTAWA

See All Trade and Economic Matters in Perspective of Korean War

By M. McDOUGALL, Press Gallery Leader Correspondent

OTTAWA, Ont. — "We for our part regard Canada as a lifeline — as the natural source of supplies that are essential to us — no less in peace than in war . . . Let me tell you at once that we in Britain want to buy all we can of your products — all that we can afford —" These are the words of Patrick Gordon Walker, Secretary of State for Commonwealth Relations, on his visit to Ottawa on his way West and across the Pacific to Australia and New Zealand. His sincerity was quite evident, and like everything else at this time it is the long range view that is important. The Minister expressed the pleasure of the British that the balance of trade with the dollar world was greatly improved.

This improvement is due, of course, both to greater exports to the dollar area and to reduced imports from the dollar countries, including Canada.

Canada Definitely Interested

Canada is, of course, very definitely interested in increasing both imports from Great Britain and other sterling countries and our exports to those countries. The close relationship of import and export is becoming well understood in this country. Our purchases from the United Kingdom increased to \$36,300,000 in May this year from \$29,500,000 in May last year. The figure for May was the highest on record. For the first five months of the year, imports from the United Kingdom amounted to \$150,100,000 compared with \$136,300,000 in the same months of 1949, while our exports were \$183,600,000, compared with \$274,900,000 last year. The credit balance was reduced to \$34,600,000 from \$140,000,000.

How to Get Near Balance

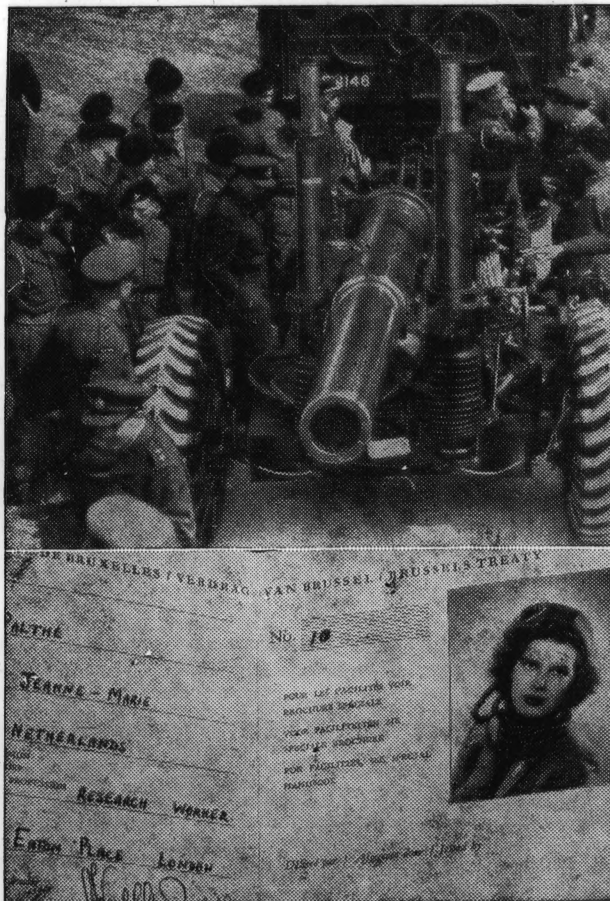
There is certainly nothing desirable in the reduction in exports in itself, very far from it. We want to sell as much as we can to our traditional markets and to see that market restored as soon as possible, but it is of the greatest importance to get closer to a balance than in former years through making a special effort to increase our imports from Great Britain.

Concentrate on International Affairs
All trade and other economic matters have at this time to be seen, if that is really possible, in their right perspective to the war in Korea and all its potential dangers. The wheels of government continue to revolve in their usual orbit, because the country's ordinary business has to go on, but

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A.L.C. Marks New Peak Livestock Handlings

Western Union Has Joint Defence Program



Steps being taken towards defence and education by the West are shown in pictures just received from Britain.

Top: The annual display by British Army School of Artillery, Wiltshire, attended by military observers from many Western Union nations. A 5.5 field gun is the object of attention and discussion.

Left: Part of a "passport" to an education, issued by Britain, France, Holland, Belgium and Luxembourg, the five members of the Brussels Treaty Organization and also members of Western Union. Known as a cultural identity card, it has a portrait of Jeanne-Marie Palthe, a Belgian research worker studying in England, and gives details about her. It entitles her to certain facilities such as reduced travel rates, free entry or reduced rates to concerts, museums and exhibitions, and special privileges for visiting libraries and scientific and educational institutions. Similar cards, giving similar privileges, are issued to teachers, students, artists, scientists.

Hogs Increase in Denmark

COPENHAGEN. — The number of hogs in Denmark has risen from 1,873,000 in 1941 to 3,214,000; cows now number 1,700,000, as compared to 1,483,000 in 1941.

ALL-TIME RECORD

MANCHESTER, Eng. — There was an all-time record attendance of 1,978 delegates at the 1950 Co-operative Congress held at Morecambe, England, this summer.

LONDON, Eng. — The United Kingdom, for the first time since 1933, was the world's largest exporter of cotton piece goods in 1949.

Up by 35 Per Cent

SASKATOON, Sask. — Total assets of the Credit Unions of this Province now stand at \$11,808,583, an increase of more than 35 per cent over the previous year, it was reported at the annual meeting of the Credit Union League of Saskatchewan held here July 5th and 6th. There are 229 societies, with a membership of 44,884.

Memorial to Gandhi

LONDON, Eng. — As a memorial to Mahatma Gandhi, an assembly hall is being erected in London, in connection with the Indian Students' Union and hostel building.

PERCENTAGE OF HANDLINGS ALSO SHOWS INCREASE

Cattle and Sheep Population in Some Areas Stripped by Heavy Shipments

PRES. ALLEN REPORTS

Gardiner Sees No Troublesome Surpluses — C. P. Hayes Is President Coming Year

Marking a new peak in its ten years' history, both in the dollar value of its handlings and in gross revenue, the Alberta Livestock Co-operative, Ltd., during the financial year which ended on May 31st last, also greatly increased its percentage for the total livestock marketed in the Province. The volume of cattle handled was double that of the previous year.

Successful Operations

These and other new records in successful operation were disclosed at the recent annual meeting of the Co-operative in Edmonton in the report of the Board of Directors presented by President Hugh W. Allen, and in those of the Managers of the Calgary, Edmonton and Lethbridge branches. The auditor's report showed a net surplus for the year of \$29,416.06, from which provision of \$26,515.35 for deferred final payment certificates was made, \$1,470.80 for educational reserve; the remainder for income taxes.

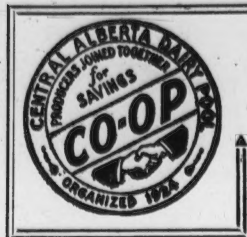
Effect of Opening U.S. Line

Dealing with the effect of the opening of the U.S. line for the movement of cattle and beef at nominal rates of duty, Mr. Allen said that the keen demand on the American market had firmly fastened Canadian prices to those south of the border. "As long as this free movement continues," he added, "there is no prospect that these will be materially lower for some time to come. There has not been evident in Canada recently any evidence of organized consumer resistance to high meat prices, such as appeared for a time in 1948. There does not seem to be much possibility of this becoming evident again as long as there is no serious unemployment and as long as wage levels continue to increase as they have been.

Livestock Population Stripped

"In Alberta, the very heavy shipments of cattle and sheep across the line have virtually stripped the livestock population in some areas, and there quite possibly may be much smaller marketings during the coming year from some parts of the Province. "The resemblance between Cana-

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Central Alberta Dairy Pool Section

SLOGAN FOR TODAY: "Test and Weigh and Keep the Cows That Pay"



Manager Surveys Past Record and Future Prospects

ADDRESSING the Annual Meeting of the Central Alberta Dairy Pool in June, General Manager Ellis A. Johnstone combined a detailed examination of the record of the various plants owned by the Co-operative with a valuable survey of the future prospects for dairy and products in the national and Provincial fields.

Touching briefly on the 25 years' achievement of the Pool, which the President had dealt with extensively, Mr. Johnstone showed that for every dollar owed by the members (mostly to themselves in participations) they have "approximately two dollars of fixed assets", plus their working capital.

Net Gain of \$2,000,000

This was indicated by the following figures: Fixed assets in land, building and equipment nearly \$1 1/4 million, against which there is owed on capital account \$118,000 and outstanding participations \$534,216, or a total of \$652,216; working capital, as at the end of the last financial year, \$180,000.

"However," said Mr. Johnstone, "that is not all, for in addition to owning these assets now and this working capital, you paid yourself some dividends: cash to the extent of \$780,428.06. In other words, from nothing you have accumulated 1 1/4 million dollars worth of fixed assets and paid yourself for owning them \$780,428.06, or a net gain over the 25 years of approximately \$2,000,000."

President Wood was assisted in chairing the meeting by Alex A. Weir

of Olds. Committees were: Credentials — W. W. Sim, Tees; A. Robertson, Bowden; E. E. Crocker, Lacombe; Resolutions — J. E. Clark, Stettler; A. W. Green, Byemore; H. Van Manen, Delburne.

Production Prospects

Milk production in Canada for all purposes — butter, cheese, and for condensing or fluid use — is likely to be down this year, Mr. Johnstone said. For Alberta the decline would be less than for the Dominion as a whole. Only in British Columbia was an increase predicted.

It was Mr. Johnstone's estimate that production of eggs and poultry would be down about 20 per cent.

Quality Maintained

C.A.D.P. butter plants, on the average, fully maintained their position of quality of cream and butter made, the first grade butter constituting 95.7 per

cent of the total — from 98 per cent first grade cream. Tolerance of 2 per cent is allowed between Special and No. 1 cream and the percentage of No. 1 butter made. The difference in 1949 was 2.3 per cent.

55 per cent Delivered Locally

While approximately 90 per cent of cream was brought in by truck and train in the early days of the first plant at Alix, in 1949 55 per cent was delivered locally by the patron or his neighbor to the C.A.D.P. plants. What applied on cream, applied to a still greater degree on eggs and poultry.

Mr. Johnstone saw very practical advantages from having plants located throughout the Pool's area, as better service could thus be given with an average better return to the member, "because of the betterment in quality of cream, eggs and poultry." Milk was in a different position, since it came in almost entirely by truck on established routes, and this was not likely to be much changed.

Trucking costs, the General Manager showed, have almost doubled since 1939, and they were not likely to decline in the immediate future.

"Generally speaking," he said, "our most successful plants are those where a major percentage of the goods is delivered by the member. The plant does better and so does the member. The member gets the platform price and some general improvement in average quality, and the plant saves the extra that it would cost to bring the product in."

Cost of Plant Upkeep

Due to increased cost of most supplies and materials and other attendant costs, more was spent by the Pool on plant upkeep than in any previous twelvemonth period, the total being some \$96,000. For the current year the total might be lower, but at least well up to the 1948 level of over \$68,000. The plan was to improve the standard at one or two plants a year. Ten plants had been gone over and seven remained, though on some of these there had been partial rehabilitation.

Mr. Johnstone dealt briefly with the merchandising of evaporated milk, describing periods when it was necessary to concentrate on selling, and others when this presented no problem — from 1942 to March, 1949. In the present year the sales program had met with reasonable success.

Future for Products

Dealing with the future for dairy and poultry products, the General Manager first pointed out that up to a year ago difficulty was experienced in getting sufficient fluid milk at Pool branches for fluid use. "That is not the case today," he said, "there is sufficient. As a matter of fact, in most cases we have some surplus. Undoubtedly milk for fluid use demands sufficient premium over milk for other purposes that sufficient of our members will continue to be interested in producing all that is required."

Milk for Manufacturing

During the past fifteen months there was some excess of milk for the Condensery.

"Selling milk for evaporating," said Mr. Johnstone, "is the convenient way of disposing of your milk production. It eliminates separating, reduces some

Directors of C.A.D.P. for Coming Year

Directors of the Central Alberta Dairy Pool for the coming year are as given below, by numbered districts: (1) John Stone, Alix; (2) J. Alex Ross, Duhamel; (3) J. B. Bradley, Lacombe; (4) Fred Domoney, Red Deer; (5) J. A. Wood, Elnora; (6) A. W. Green, Byemore; (7) Jack Hutchings, Consort; (8) Adam Robertson, Bowden; (9) R. L. Rainbow, Brooks. Directors for Districts 2, 4, 6 and 8 were re-elected at the Annual Convention for two-year terms, while the director for District 9 has a one-year term to run. Directors for the other districts have still one year to run.

Mr. Wood was re-elected President by the Board, Mr. Robertson Vice-President and Mr. Ross Secretary of the Board.

work on the farm and, generally speaking, is found more acceptable and satisfactory than having to separate. At the same time, of course, you do give up the use of the skim milk.

"Producers' organizations in Eastern Canada are now practically 100 per cent organized and as a result it is likely that milk for manufacturing purposes, which includes 'evaporating', will not decline further, at least at the present time. Currently it is set at \$2.60 per cwt. for 3.5 per cent milk delivered to the different milk manufacturing plants in Ontario and in Quebec, and cheese milk ranges from \$2.40 down to \$2.25 per cwt. Butterfat for churning purposes a few cents less than milk for cheese.

Use Blended Price

"As we are a Co-operative, and a portion of milk for condensing, at certain seasons of the year might be directed to milk for cheese, we use a blended price, which gives the same price to our members whether their milk is going into cheese or into the Condensery to be made into evaporated milk.

"Butter uses approximately 50 per (Continued on Page 6)

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British Agriculture Through Western Eyes

What Canadian Mission Saw and Learned in U.K.

"Members of the Canadian Agricultural Mission to the United Kingdom were amazed to find that in that area, one thirty-ninth as large as Canada, the total value of farm production is greater than ours," Maurice Hartnett, Deputy Minister of Agriculture for Saskatchewan, informed the assembled delegates and friends at the Annual Banquet of the Central Alberta Dairy Pool.

Mr. Hartnett was a member of the Mission which last year visited many parts of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, studying the work in research centres, at the universities and in agricultural colleges, meeting leaders in government and in farm organizations and scientific bodies, and attending the Royal Agricultural and other shows.

The guest speaker at the banquet, he gave his impressions with vivid descriptive power, and a quiet humor that robbed even statistics of traditional dullness. His picture of the beauties of the countryside, of the special character of British farm production, and his account of the manner in which the British people are meeting the challenge of the years of post-war reconstruction, was a most engaging one.

Saw U.K. Through Western Eyes
Mr. Hartnett visited many British

farmers on their farms. He saw Britain through the eyes of a Westerner, and this no doubt made easier his interpretation of the British scene to an Alberta audience. Born in Ontario and raised in Saskatchewan, as a young farmer he entered the University at Saskatoon, graduating in Agriculture, and after Extension work for the University becoming Agricultural Editor of *The Western Producer*. He later reorganized the agricultural services of the Saskatchewan Department of Agriculture, commencing in 1945, and he has been Deputy Minister since 1947.

While only 8 per cent of Canada's area is used for farming, in the United Kingdom some forty million acres of the total area of sixty million are so used, Mr. Hartnett stated. (There are sixty million acres in occupied farms in Saskatchewan alone, he pointed out, equivalent to the U.K.'s total land area.) The United Kingdom's farm production, which, as stated, exceeds in value that of Canada, is produced by only 7 per cent of the population; whereas in Canada 20 per cent of the people are engaged in agriculture. (Saskatchewan is 62 per cent rural.) Canada's population per square mile is 4.5, that of the United Kingdom is 500 (England and Wales 750).

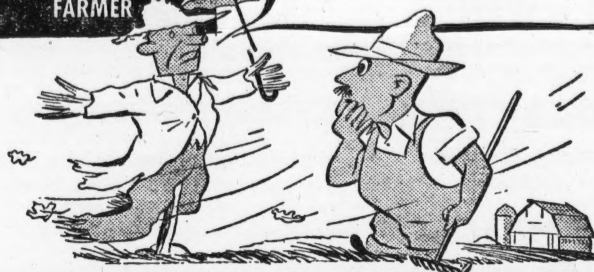
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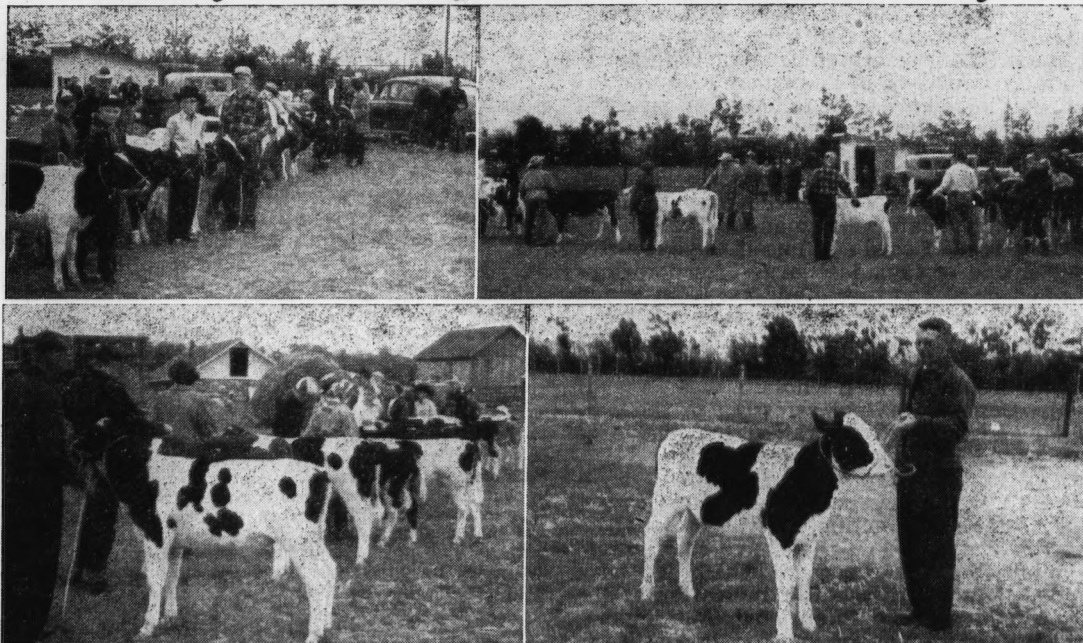
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Scenes from a most successful field day held on June 23rd by the Bentley Dairy Calf Club are depicted above. The first three prizes went to Duane Carruthers (seen lower right with his first prize calf), the other pictures showing judging in progress and another typical scene, and to Marion Stephenson and Doreen Carruthers respectively. Glen Nelson and Marvin Stephenson won first and second in judging yearlings, and first three prizes for records kept went to Marvin Stephenson, Duane and Doreen Carruthers. In showmanship, Marvin Stephenson, Duane Carruthers and Marina Nelson won the three

high points. The prizes donated by the Central Alberta Dairy Pool were presented by Norman K. Kirkham, Pool fieldman, who also was responsible for the arrangements. Imperial Oil gave each member a can of fly spray, presented by Russell Garries. Ronald Nelson, club leader, presented various prizes.

Chairman for the afternoon program was Lloyd Rasmussen, District Agriculturist. Speakers included Dairy Commissioner D. H. McCallum; Dr. J. O'Donoghue; J. E. Birdsall and Creamery Inspector McAllister. The field day was held at the Don Pierson farm.

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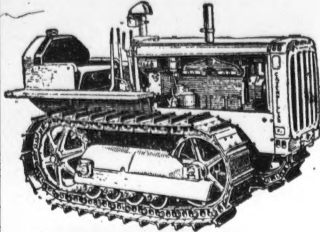
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IS THE GOVERNMENT SERIOUS?

Are Canadian Cabinet Ministers serious when they speak of the need to stimulate the flow of British goods to Canada? Are they prepared to take such measures as a Government can take to facilitate the entrance of these goods, in the interests of our primary industries?

We have no doubt that the Prime Minister, Mr. St. Laurent, meant what he said when he declared recently: "It is very strongly in our national interest to encourage imports of British goods into Canada." But rumors from Ottawa may cause Western farmers to ask whether the Government as a whole, in one particular instance, is or is not preparing to sacrifice the "national interest" in order to placate some businesses affected by British competition in the Canadian market.

The Financial Post, for instance, stated recently — on what authority we do not know: "It is expected that the Government will remove shortly the dumping duty exemption on United Kingdom imports, except in the case of automobiles," as a result of "increasing complaint by Canadian manufacturers."

Removal of the exemption would, of course, tend to restrict imports in the classes of goods to which it now applies. The effect might be small or great, but whether the flow of British goods into Canada were materially checked or not, the step — or so it seems to us at this distance — would seem to be in the wrong direction. If one such step be taken in response to the "complaints of Canadian manufacturers", is it not likely to be followed by others if the pressure on the Government continues?

Advice to Canadian businessmen who may complain of British competition was given by James M. Duncan, Chairman of the Dollar-Sterling Trade Board — himself the executive head of one of Canada's largest corporations — when he stated in the address from which we quoted in our last issue: "It would be a great mistake to allow the difficulties of a few to interfere with a drive which is calculated to benefit the nation as a whole."

Mr. Duncan was not referring to the particular question we have raised, but his words may provide the appropriate answer.

We think the time has come for the Government to take bold action, "in the national interest". It is possible they have such action in mind, that the report to which we have alluded does not give a fair indication of the Government's broad intentions; that imports from Britain are not the primary target of the change in regulations which the Post expects. However that may be, the formulating and implementing of ambitious plans greatly to increase the flow into Canada of British goods should not longer be delayed.

SUBSTANTIAL RESULTS

Meanwhile the initiative of British exporters, backed by their Government, is producing

THE DOUBT

How far now have we travelled from the path
The ancient hunter plowed from cave to cave?
The boundless skies where storms unleash their
wrath
Our mighty airfleets challenge and outbrave.
Our voices, once so narrowly confined,
Can whisper now to earth's remotest shores.
And greater wonders still the probing mind
Has promised as new vistas it explores.

But dare we claim in wisdom to have grown?
Or, like the cave-man, are we still intent
On hoarding treasure each may call his own,
Too careless how its volume we augment?
Is brotherhood still but a formless dream
Of which we sometimes seem to catch a gleam?

—ISA GRINDLAY JACKSON.

substantial results. The Secretary for Overseas Trade, A. G. Bottomley, announced in London a week ago that in April and May of this year Britain had exported to Canada £21 (\$65) millions' worth of goods, compared with £13.7 (\$42.2) millions' worth in the corresponding months of last year. He warned that it would not be easy to maintain that position, since "the Canadian markets were still as tough and exacting as ever," but promised that this is just "the beginning of our Canadian export drive."

Mr. Bottomley spoke of the "positive assistance" which had been received on the Canadian side, due to "the profound appreciation, particularly in the primary producing areas, that Canada's ability to maintain her own exports over a long run to the United Kingdom and the sterling area depends upon the expansion which can be brought about in her imports from the United Kingdom and the sterling area. It is our policy," he said, "to obtain as much of our requirements from Canada as we can afford to pay for in dollars. But last year, our exports to Canada only paid for one-third of our imports from Canada."

Another British Cabinet Minister, the Secretary for Commonwealth Relations, gave this assurance when he addressed the Ottawa Canadian Club on July 10th: "As our dollar position improves, we will do all we can within reason to buy those Canadian products of which we stand in such need. It is our firm intention to do all we can to keep alive the British market for Canadian products, and in the difficult transition we are going through to help you and not to embarrass you. But we must keep our dollar spending within our dollar means — we cannot spend what we haven't got."

BRITAIN AND THE SCHUMAN PLAN

Mr. Gordon Walker stated the British Government's position on an entirely different matter which has been debated on both sides of the Atlantic — the Schuman plan. While the British Government was friendly to the idea of pooling Europe's coal and steel industries, it "believed that concentration of economic power should be made democratically answerable to peoples." Britain could not put her whole economy under "an authority which was not directly answerable to Governments — we do not like the idea of vast organs of economic power that can affect the lives of millions and yet owe no effective responsibility to those millions."

OVER THE SEA TO SKYE

(A unique celebration has just been concluded in Scotland, namely "Skye Week". Originally intended as a tourist transaction, it actually turned out to be a real "Gathering of the Clans" from all over the world and Sons of Scotia turned up from all parts of the earth in a glorious "Homecoming".)

*Speed bonnie boat like a bird on the wing,
Onward the sailors cry.
Carry the lad that's born to be king,
Over the sea to Skye.*

This song commemorates an adventure of Prince Charles Edward (Bonnie Prince Charlie) while he was a fugitive after the final defeat of his forces at Culloden in 1746.

For five months he was hunted up and down the barren west coast of Scotland, where he had taken refuge with a few devoted followers.

On this occasion, he landed on the Island of Benbecula, one of the groups of the Outer Hebrides. Flora MacDonald, a girl of twenty years brought up under the care of the Chief of the MacDonald Clan, was at that time living on the Island. Her assistance was asked by Captain O'Neill, companion of the fugitive Prince.

After some hesitation, she consented by receiving a pass from the commander of the Island, for herself, a manservant, an Irish spinning maid named Betty Burke, and a boat's crew of six men to cross to the mainland fifteen miles distant. Prince Charlie was disguised as Betty Burke. Flora MacDonald was arrested on suspicion of aiding him, taken to London and later freed.

Three months later the Prince made his escape to France although a reward of thirty thousand pounds was offered for his head, dead or alive.

*We watched thee in the gloamin' hour,
We watched thee in the morning grey,
Though thirty thousand pounds they ga'e,
Oh, there's nane that wad betray.*

—M. A. PATERSON, Edmonton.

A.F.A. NOTES

By JAMES R. McFALL, Secretary

Two Community Week Conferences

The writer has just returned after attending the University Community Week Conferences held at Beaverlodge and Bear Lake from July 5th to July 15th inclusive. These conferences were conducted by the Department of Extension of the University of Alberta under the auspices of a local committee.

Sylvan Hillerud of the Extension Service was in charge of the program and was assisted by Col. Cormack, also of the Extension Service. Those participating included Dr. Jan Buurma, visiting this country from Holland, and the writer. Local participants also assisted. H. H. Dickie of the National Film Board, Edmonton, was in charge of the film program.

Beaverlodge Conference was well attended with 88 family groups and 32 individuals registered, which totalled over 300 in all.

The Bear Lake Conference was not so fortunate, as rain was encountered practically every day, which made roads difficult and discouraged attendance.

Nevertheless those present enjoyed the program and were anxious to see it repeated another season, but favored the use of the new agricultural school at Fairview instead of the Bear Lake picnic grounds.

A similar conference will be held at Gooseberry Lake, north of Consort, July 19th to 23rd.

Appointment to the Right of Entry Arbitration Board. — Acting on the suggestion and request of the Alberta Federation of Agriculture, the Provincial Government has appointed a second man to the Right of Entry Arbitration Board.

In the past N. G. Meldrum acted as a one-man Board. In making its presentation to the Government the Federation did not in any way criticize the actions and decisions of Mr. Meldrum, but took the stand that the responsibilities of the Board were such that

Survey Program Is Largest in History

OTTAWA, Ont. — The Geological Survey of Canada, under the Federal Department of Mines and Technical Surveys, is sending out 83 parties for field work this year. It is the largest program as yet undertaken, states the Acting Minister, Hon. R. H. Winters. Six parties are working in the North-West Territories, three in the Yukon, six in B.C., five in Alberta, three each in Manitoba and Saskatchewan, six in Ontario, three in Quebec, three in Newfoundland, and seven in the Maritimes.

they should not be shouldered by one man.

The new appointment to the Board is Mr. Archie Clark of Horse Hills, North of Edmonton. Mr. Clarke was one of a number of nominees presented by the Federation of Agriculture for consideration.

Harvest Wages. — The Alberta Federation of Agriculture recommends that the going wage for harvesting and threshing for 1950 be \$6.00 per day for harvesting and \$7.00 per day for threshing, based on a ten-hour day, including board.

The purpose of making such a recommendation is to give farmers a guide as to what can be considered a fair wage and thus remove unnecessary competition and misunderstanding.

Farm Forum Picnics. — Floyd Griesbach, National Farm Forum Secretary, was the guest speaker at a big Farm Forum picnic at Willow Creek Sunday afternoon, June 25th. He was introduced to the group by the Provincial Farm Forum Secretary. There were members of six Farm Forums present representing Willow Creek, Fireside, Prairieville, Foothills, Table Butte and Stavely. During the course of the afternoon a representative in the person of William Yorgason was elected to the Provincial Farm Forum Committee.

A similar rally was held on Tuesday, June 27th, at Elk Island Park,

Farmers who are planning on cleaning out their surplus wheat before the end of July are reminded that if at all possible, the same should be delivered to an Alberta Pool Elevator.

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with representatives from six groups in the Northern part of the Province taking part. Besides reports from the National and Provincial Secretaries, the Secretaries of the six Forums gave brief resumes of their activities during the past year. A representative to the Provincial Committee was also elected from this meeting.

This was Mr. Griesbach's first trip West and he was well pleased with the interest shown in the Farm Forum program by groups in these two areas.

Reduce Population of World, Russell's Advice

The earth's population, growing by 25,000,000 a year, is outstripping food production, declared Bertrand Russell, noted British philosopher and mathematician, recently, during a tour of Australia. Birth control instruction, he urged, should be given, especially in Russia, Central and South America, Asia and Africa. In those countries, in spite of high death rates, the population is growing most rapidly.

Publish Useful Pamphlet

In a twenty-page pamphlet, the Department of Animal Science of the University of Alberta has published reports presented at the 29th Annual Feeders' Day held on June 3rd. The foreword points out that although frequently the time is not ripe for final conclusions in regard to specific livestock feeding problems, it is the practise of Feeders' Day to present progress reports on results obtained during the preceding twelve months. This practise is carried out in the current report.

CANBERRA. — As a result of good progress at auction sales, the main wool selling season in Australia concluded much earlier this season than in recent years.

IN NEXT ISSUE

Valuable reports received of F.U.A. District Conventions 5 and 8 are unavoidably held over.

Old Timer Passes

"I deeply regret to advise you that we have lost another old timer here at Elnora," writes C. H. McMillan of the C.A.D.P. plant in a brief note received just before press time. "He is John L. Rich, and he passed at the age of 65." Mr. Rich, a pioneer, farmed elsewhere before coming to Elnora in 1935.

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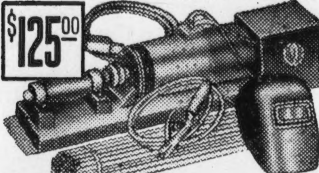
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RESTORE BACON RATION

The British bacon ration, reduced to 4 ounces weekly in April, has since been restored to 5 ounces.

The West's Need of a New Divorce Law

By W. KENT POWER, K.C.

In concluding his second article, Mr. Power explained why, in his belief, reformers are likely to "run into a stone wall" if they attempt to get a new law applicable to all the English-speaking Provinces, while on the other hand, "the possibility of persuading Parliament to enact a new law which will apply to the Western Provinces only, is not hopeless." In printing the third and final article, we wish to express our thanks to Mr. Power, whose wide legal knowledge and experience and eminence as an authority on the law of divorce and other matrimonial causes have been placed at the disposal of our readers.

— Editor.

PART III

The Matter of Domicile

Western reformers should also see to it that the new law provide that persons domiciled anywhere in the West may sue for divorce in any of the four Provinces in which the parties reside. At present they can sue only in that Province in which the husband is domiciled, and he may be held to be legally domiciled in Manitoba, although his actual residence for many years has been British Columbia. An American who had lived in England for years was held at his death never to have lost his domicile in Pennsylvania.

Works Havoc With Human Lives

This domicile rule "works havoc," in the words of the late Sir Francis Piggott, Chief Justice of Hong Kong, "with human lives." It is judge-made law, that is, a doctrine developed by the courts, and was not finally established as part of the law of divorce until nearly 40 years after the Divorce Act of 1857 was passed. A man's legal domicile is his permanent home, the country in which he is residing with the intention of remaining there. If he has left the country of his original domicile and has not a fixed intention of remaining indefinitely in the country in which he lives, this doctrine says that the former country is his domicile.

Each A Separate "Country"

In respect to divorce each Province is a separate "country," and a wife's domicile is always that of her husband; and it is only the court of the husband's domicile that has the power to hear a divorce suit brought by either of them, even though they have been living apart at different ends of this vast country for many years.

It is obvious that this rule is inconsistent with the conditions of present-day life in Canada. How, for instance, can an employee of a Dominion-wide company who is moved at a day's notice from Toronto to Edmonton, say on arriving in the latter city, or, often, until years have elapsed, that he has the fixed intention of spending the rest of his life there? It is a striking instance of how unrealistic the law can be.

A mild amelioration of this rule so

far as it applies to a deserted wife was made by Parliament in 1930. This amendment is the only amendment to the divorce law, except the one in which Joseph Shaw was interested and the Act which gave a divorce law to Ontario, that Parliament has so far had the courage to enact; and it does not go very far. It merely provides that a wife who can prove legal grounds for divorce, and who has been deserted for two years, can obtain a divorce in the Province in which her husband was domiciled when she was deserted.

Note that the desertion does not entitle her to a divorce; it merely saves her from the previous necessity of bringing her action in her husband's present domicile — often, of course, she did not know where he was or, if she did, had not the money to pay her way there. Do you wonder that I call the law barbarous?

Religious Beliefs Entitled to Respect

Sincere religious beliefs opposed to divorce are entitled to respect, but the law must be the same for all persons living in the area for which the law is made. If Parliament should decide to make a new divorce law for those Provinces that law must, obviously, govern as law all those who live in them. But persons whose beliefs are contrary to such a law are not compelled to take advantage of it. It is the kind of law which they can ignore.

Where Right to Insist Ends

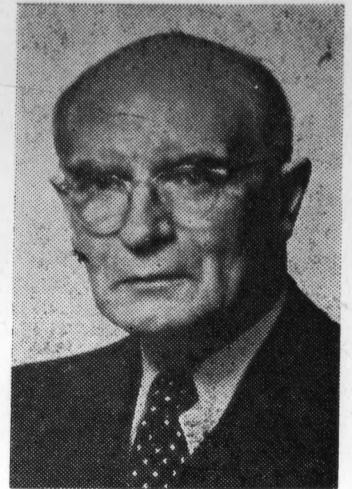
On the other hand they have no right to insist that those beliefs be incorporated in the law. As the present Lord Chancellor of England has said: "The law of the land cannot be co-extensive with the law of morals; nor can the civil consequences of marriage be identical with its religious consequences. Marriage, whether solemnized in a church or a registry office, whether contracted between Christians or between those who have different or no religious beliefs, must in each case have the same legal consequences."

And a former Lord Chancellor, Viscount Simon, has said: "The interest of the community at large is to be judged by maintaining a true balance between respect for the binding sanctity of marriage and the social considerations which make it contrary to public policy to insist on the maintenance of a union which has utterly broken down" (black type mine).

Moreover it must be remembered that an increase in the number of divorces does not necessarily mean less respect for the sanctity of marriage; it may, on the contrary, as many reformers have pointed out, indicate exactly the opposite — a higher standard for the marriage relationship.

C.A.D.P. SECTION (from Page 2)
cent of the milk production in Canada. Currently, on a basis of milk for cheese or evaporating or condensing, the return on milk for buttermaking is approximately \$1.82 per cwt. for 3.5 per cent. The member, however, can retain the skim milk.

"As to the future of butter, there are several 'ifs' in the picture. For instance: If margarine was allowed to be colored and imitate the color of natural butter, there would be much



W. KENT POWER, K.C.

more margarine used and, therefore, more butter as surplus. Another 'if' is, if the Dominion Government withdraw its support price on butter, butter prices will undoubtedly drop at least a further 10 cents a pound. Happily, for the present year, neither of these possibilities will bother us, for the Government Support Plan on butter is fixed till April 30th, 1951, and the legislation on margarine seems to be fairly stable in its present form.

Position of Eggs and Poultry

"On eggs: Production is down and consumption on the whole is up. The Government is supporting the egg market to the extent that it guarantees a net return to the holder of A Grade eggs this coming fall season. However, there is currently quite a surplus of Undergrade eggs, and it could be that A Grade eggs within a very short time will be worth double what a B Grade is. We encourage our members to produce more A Grade eggs."

"Reverting back to the Government's interest in eggs. There is some doubt as to whether or not the Dominion Government will in 1951 even support the egg market to the extent that it is doing in 1950."

"As to poultry, there has been no export market and it would appear with some decline in overall poultry production, that Canadian consumption can just about take care of our production. It will, especially if prices for poultry remain at near present levels, or at least do not increase, and the price of red meats remain at present high levels."

"On the overall, prices for dairy and poultry products would seem to be fairly stable for the immediate present, with the exception of A Grade eggs will likely increase in value and lower grade eggs could decline. It has done so since this report was written."

Progress Over 25 Years

"When we, ourselves, look back over the last 25 years, many of us don't consider it too long a time and actually it isn't, although in 25 years lots of things can happen, and that applies to the Central Alberta Dairy Pool."

"With the Co-operatives becoming stronger, it is possible that the visible gains that your organization might be able to show for you will continue to be less marked than they were in the earlier years. Notwithstanding that, we would think that during the next 25 years you might be able to show the same progress and end up in a similar reasonably happy condition to that in which you find yourself at the end of the first 25-year period. We, ourselves, would hope that the next 25 years will be at least just as good."

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The Golden Panoply of Summer Time

By BERT HUFFMAN



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Blue Bells opening their fresh and fragile bells to catch the warmth and shine of the summer day. Roses of every shade nodding like modest maidens in the breeze. Swaying

columbines of every tint in the scale of colors, touching hands across the paths.

Then suddenly, like a flash of light, a wild canary darts through the branches to her hidden nest high up in the Douglas Fir tree. So far no one has been able to spy her out among the tangled maze of limbs and leaves. Yet she comes and goes hourly in her search for food for the open mouths in her nest.

High up in the cherry tree I see a cheeky, perky robin plunging his beak viciously into a rich, red Queen Anne, then flitting away to carry the morsel to his babes in the nest.

The old apple trees are laden, with branches bending low with their treasure of fruit, now about the size of large glass marbles. On the fresh green apples there is now the first dawn of a red cheek. When ripe and ready to pluck, the red will cover and enrich the apple, as a blushing cheek enriches and beautifies a maiden of sweet sixteen.

From the tall Douglas firs comes an infinite variety of chirps and squeaks and whistles, as the summer songsters carry on their orchestral



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This dividend will be paid on or about September 1st, 1950, to holders of such shares of record at the close of business on Saturday, July 22nd, 1950.

By Order of the Board,
D. G. MILLER,
Secretary

July 11th, 1950.
Winnipeg, Manitoba.

District Ten F.U.A. Elects Its Officers

Action Urged on Important Issues at Olds Gathering

The Olds School of Agriculture was the setting for the second annual convention of District 10 of the Farmers' Union of Alberta on June 23rd. Rain falling throughout the day was most welcome, and "no complaints were heard," writes our correspondent.

Some 78 delegates and 60 visitors were welcomed by Mayor Dunkley of Olds and by Principal C. E. Yauch of the School. Reports of directors were presented, and approval was given of publication of a "program book". It was suggested that one of these should be provided for every three members, for reference purposes.

Bruce Ellis, first vice-president of the Juniors, introduced Miss Eileen Beckner, Calgary Stampede Queen. It was stated that the money raised by the Juniors through the sale of tickets in the Queen contest may be devoted to leadership courses.

Vice-President Speaks

It was heartening, said Henry Young, First Vice-President, to see farmers really working to help themselves. He referred to the size of the gathering, and to the improved membership standing. Keen interest and enthusiasm, as well as work, were needed to build up any organization. Mr. Young, who substituted for President Stimpfle, absent in Ottawa, also dealt with car insurance and rural electrification. The social implications of co-operatives were discussed by Alfred Peart, of the Co-operative Activities Branch. Ed Ness, former Junior president, brought greetings from the Alberta Wheat Pool.

G. Roth was elected F.U.A. Director, Mrs. W. L. Barker F.W.U.A. Director, and Ken Aldred Junior Director. Mrs. C. R. Braithwaite is Secretary-Treasurer.

Resolutions Adopted

Resolutions were passed supporting the A.M.A. in their drive for lower motor license fees; urging abolition of the means test for old age pensions, and reduction of the qualifying age to 65; strongly advocating development of rural electrification under public power commission; asking for amendments to the Automobile Accident Indemnity Act to provide for coverage of public liability and property damage insurance to be issued with each car and truck license, and fire and theft insurance on an optional basis; urging a world pool of surplus farm production as planned by the I.F.A.P. and submitted to the F.A.O.

F.W.U.A. ladies provided a sumptuous lunch at noon, served buffet style, and in the evening a banquet was

Out at the foot of a huge stump near the garden a mother pheasant hides her brood in daylight and sneaks into the garden in early dawn to pick out a row of newly planted peas, seed by seed.

We have already replanted the pea rows twice, and still only a few plants survive. The old cock pheasant, with his gorgeous coat of scarlet and blue and orange, can even pull up a pea plant two inches in height. But it seems a shame to slay such a beautiful bird, just for a fleeting taste of wild game. So we allow the young pheasants to grow to maturity, although we know they are gluttons for peas.

So, the golden summer advances, soon all the color will fade and only the drab of Autumn, like Old Age, will remain. But we look hopefully into the closed windows of tomorrow, knowing that the splendor will be repeated next year.

—R.R.4, New Westminster, B.C.

Off-Types Developed in Spraying Studied

INDIAN HEAD, Sask. — Studies of the off-types developed in oats by spraying with 2,4-D formulations, in various amounts and at various stages of growth, have been conducted at the Dominion Experimental Farm here. Off-types were most frequent when the oats were treated at the 3-leaf stage, and rates of application, generally speaking caused an increase in the proportion of off-types. The kinds of off-types were the same regardless of treatment or variety; twisted and distorted heads were a common feature. Of the varieties treated, Ajax was least susceptible and Exeter the most, with Victory and Vanguard falling in between.

held in the Roman Catholic church; a delightful dance at the O.S.A. rounded out an enjoyable and profitable day.

Indian Princess Now Handicrafts Executive



Wanda Adamson, formerly Wanda Big Canoe, daughter of Chief Big Canoe of Georgina Island reserve in Lake Simcoe, is now the clearing agent for handicraft work done on 10 reserves. The birch canoe, needle cases and other articles she displays are sent to her and all the money goes to the Organization of Ontario Indians.

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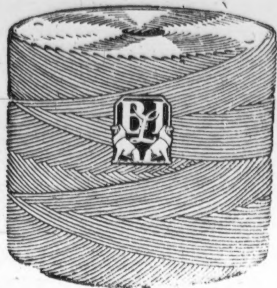
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Dropped Hiroshima Bomb — Seeks "Inner Peace"

It is announced by **Le Devoir** of Montreal, leading Catholic newspaper, that Robert Lewis, who as a bombardier in the United States Army Air Force pressed the button that released the atomic bomb at Hiroshima, bringing death to 80,000 people, has entered a monastery because he has "lost his inner peace." **Le Devoir** asks how much inner peace will be lost in the next war, and writes of the greater killing power of the hydrogen bomb.

WORLD CHRONICLE

July 6th. — North Korean forces break through South's defences, south of Suwon; American unit forced to abandon wounded, lose guns, reported.



CHOU EN-LAI

Chou En-Lai, Chinese (Communist) foreign minister, informs UN his government is resolved to take Formosa (awarded to China by Allies during last war). U.S. switchmen resume work with four railways, continue strike on Rock Island system. Anti-Leopold strikes called in Belgium.

July 7th. — UN asks for unified command for Korea; MacArthur to get appointment, states Lake Success; is authorized to fly UN flag. Truman asks for more fighting men, and for \$260 millions for development of atomic and hydrogen bombs. U.S. oil companies agree to stop shipments to Chinese mainland, states Washington; Britain has rejected "informal" suggestion to limit oil supplies to China, is London report. McCloy sees no sign of immediate attack on western Germany. Return of Russia to UN and recognition of new Chinese government are "necessary prerequisites to end of Korean conflict," says Nehru. Marshall Plan countries agree to EPU (European Payments Union) plan for facilitating trade.

July 8th. — U.S. Admiral Struble confers with Chiang Kai-Shek on defence of Formosa. Following resumption of trade talks between East and West Germany, East Berlin turns on water supplies to other parts of city (cut off for four days). European newspapers state Russians have asked concrete suggestions from Britain for ending of Korean conflict; Britain, U.S., reported exchanging views on this and on Russian protest against decision to blockade Korea.

July 9th. — Washington reports entire army division, with supporting units, to be sent to Korea. Previously isolated, U.S. battalion cuts its way back to American lines, in South Korea. U.S. government seizes Rock Island railway, switchmen go back to work.

July 10th. — U.S. tanks holding firm against north Korean attack. Washington defence department asks for drafting of 20,000 men at earliest possible date; Collins, Vandenberg, army and air force chiefs of staff, fly from Washington to Tokyo. Russia declares UN action in placing of Korean forces

Build Biggest Vessel

BARROW, Eng. — Replacing a war casualty of the same name, the 28,000-ton liner **Colonsay**, recently launched, is the largest vessel completed by any nation this year. She was built at this British port.

under U.S. commander is unlawful, and is supporting aggression against Korean people. Ceylon will buy flour from Australia instead of from Canada, announced in Colombo. Cripps says British exports and imports in June were both records. U.K. has aided other countries since war's end to extent of \$900 millions, states Government spokesman in London; British iron and steel production for first half of year at all-time high. Archbishop of York urges Britain, U.S. approach Russia with view to agreement to outlaw atomic bombs. London reports Britain has given no pledge to aid in defence of Formosa against Chinese Communist government.

July 11th. — Gen. Omar Bradley tells U.S. Senators other UN countries to send ground troops to Korea. British Ambassador Kelly confers with Gromyko in Moscow. Strachey expresses regret for questioning motives behind Schuman plan. Attlee thereupon declares ministers and members should exercise care in discussing foreign affairs; says Strachey "completely in line" with government policy in opposing "undemocratic supra-national authority." U.K., Egypt, talk defence plans. Rene Pleven is new French premier.

July 12th. — North Koreans advance; U.S. troops withdrawn across strategic Kum river. Pearson says no Canadian air or ground forces to be sent to Korea before Parliament consulted. Trygve Lie calls upon both North and South forces to avoid atrocities. Shinwell says anxiety over Korea will not "impair vigilance" of government in other vital areas — Hong Kong, Malaya, believed referred to.

July 13th. — Washington believes Russia has about 800 vessels near Korea — mostly small craft. Norway calls on Russia to help stop Korean conflict. Nehru has made personal appeals to Stalin and Acheson to help stop war, is announced. Kashmir institutes land reform; landlords forbidden to retain more than 20 acres for personal use.

July 14th. — Trygve Lie appeals to UN member nations for ground forces for UN war effort in Korea. Washington plans partial mobilization and speeding up of military supplies for Atlantic Pact members. Canada won't be "pushed" into recognizing Chinese Communist government, says Pearson; believes Canada should not throw all strength into Pacific area. World Council of Churches, meeting in Toronto, votes to send white and negro delegation to South Africa to discuss race problems with church leaders there.

July 15th. — North Korean forces cross Kum river at several points. Washington reports some persons begin hoarding of food, tires, nylons. Use of atomic or bacteriological weapons condemned by World Council of Churches committee; UN stand on Korea supported. Churchill urges that every effort be made "on the highest level" to approach U.S.S.R.; says Korean clash is renewal of fight for human freedom.

July 16th. — North Koreans suffer severe losses on eastern sectors, but gain six miles on western front; severe losses on both sides. From New Delhi comes unofficial report that Stalin's reply to Nehru calls for admission of Chinese Government to UN security council.

July 17th. — Outnumbered American forces forced to abandon Taejon airfield after heavy engagement; reported U.S. 24th Division sacrificed in piecemeal actions. Three Canadian destroyers leave Honolulu to join UN forces in Korean waters. Lake Suc-

Appointed to Wheat Board



Appointment of William Riddel (above) to be the fourth member of the Canadian Wheat Board was recently announced by Hon. C. D. Howe, Minister of Trade and Commerce. Mr. Riddel, who joined Saskatchewan Pool Elevators in 1925, was successively assistant treasurer, treasurer and assistant general manager before taking his new job. Born in Aberdeenshire, Scotland, in 1899, he engaged in banking there, and served in the R.F.C. during the first war. He came to Canada in 1922.

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very naturally the Government is keeping its thoughts concentrated on international affairs. The three destroyers from the West coast are well on their way to join the United Nations' naval forces in the West Pacific. It is not as yet quite clear what action, if any, the Government will take on the appeal of the Secretary-General Trygve Lie to 52 nations for ground troops, an effective not a "token force." This may be decided by the Cabinet this week and known when this issue reaches your readers.

Need "Cool, Farsighted Consideration"

There is no use of closing our eyes, of course, to the undeniable fact that Korea is not the only danger point. As L. B. Pearson, External Affairs Minister, told engineers in Toronto recently, "cool and farsighted consideration" had to be given to the extent of our aid to Korean forces. Canada should not send its full force into the West Pacific. That would be bad strategy, when those forces might be needed elsewhere. The aggressor has always the initial advantage of surprise, but collective security has shown itself a great deal more than an empty phrase, and whatever may transpire in the future, whether the fire will spread or not — that depending on the inscrutable politburo — the United Nations has shown itself a vast and impressive force for peace.

Recent reports UN officials are considering formation of volunteer international legion for Korea. Unesco report denies that any race is superior mentally to another. Majority report of U.S. Senate committee says McCarthy charges of Communism in the government are "fraud and hoax."

July 18th. — U.S. troops hold Taejon. Washington reports Russian advisers are attached to unit of North Korean army. Moscow reports Nehru's suggestions for Korean settlement were seating in UN security council; return of U.S.S.R. to Council; within Council or by contacts of U.S. with U.S.S.R. and China, attempt to find final solution of Korean problem; Stalin also suggests representatives of Korean people meet Council. Britain has stopped oil shipments to China. International Joint Commission begins study of control of Red River.

July 19th. — Two new divisions U.S. ground forces reach Korea, reinforcing troops there by 24,000 to 30,000 men.

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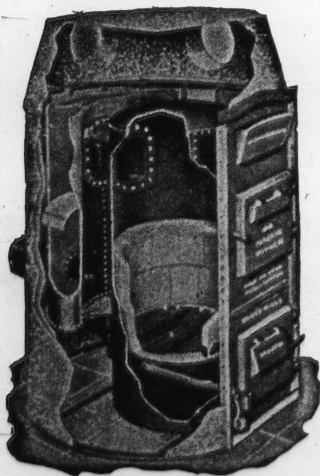
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Asks Grant Towards Cost of Sprinkler Irrigation Plant

Large Convention at Hanna Seeks Action on Pressing Issues

Asking the Dominion Government to make grants to individual farmers through the Prairie Farm Assistance Act, of at least half the first cost of sprinkler irrigation equipment, the annual convention of Acadia District 11, F.U.A., in Hanna, June 14th, requested further that where two or more farmers co-operate in some form of community scheme, the grant be at least 75 per cent. Delegates and officers totalled about 50, with some 150 visitors, one of the largest conventions in years, writes Jack Sutherland, Hanna, Secretary.

First Cost Very High

It was pointed out that sprinkler irrigation has proved particularly adaptable to farmers having runoff water from large irrigation schemes; but that the first cost is very high for the average farmer or stockman.

In view of the fact that dams and dugouts have added much to the stability of farm life in the dry areas, and that larger dams are needed with the development of sprinkler irrigation, the cost of modern excavating machinery being high, it was urged that P.F.R.A. grants for such work be increased to at least half the cost.

Ask Dam Be Started

Calling on the Dominion and Provincial Governments to reach agreement relative to the cost each is to bear of the Red Deer River diversion irrigation, the delegates strongly recommended that construction on the main dam be started without further delay.

Those who hold tax recovery lands, under lease, it was resolved, should be given the privilege of acquiring under freehold tenure on fair terms such of these lands as are considered suitable.

Amendment of the P.F.A. Act to permit difference in payment within a township in accordance with the loss or failure established in different parcels and areas was also recommended.

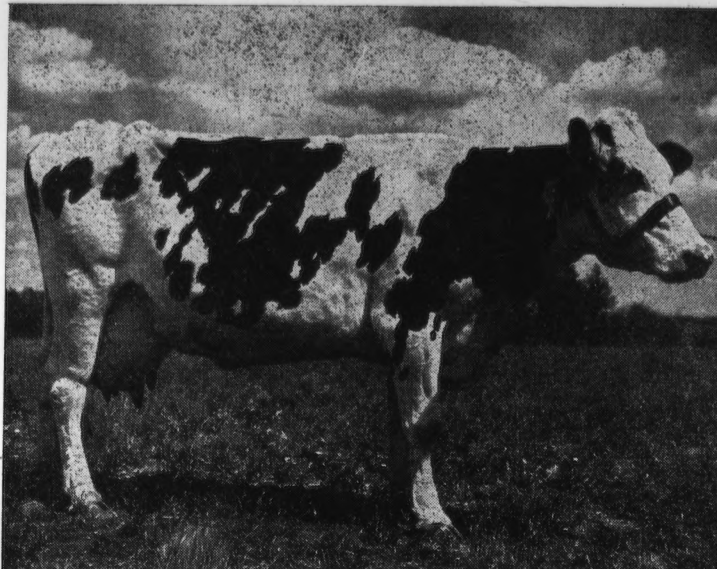
The objective of P.F.A. legislation, which makes possible the raising of wheat of high protein content and thus through mixing raises the quality and price level of all Canadian wheat, was given praise.

Among other recommendations were: Use by Junior F.U.A. of projects outlined by the Department of Agriculture for Junior Club work; adoption of \$5 family memberships; provision of old age pension at 65, without means test; approval of Board's asking for further 25 cents on wheat; asking Hail Insurance Board give greater consideration to boundaries when setting rates; and various proposals concerning conduct of F.U.A. affairs.

Aid re Crop Situation

The Convention met at a time when it was apparent that there would be widespread crop failure over large areas (rains came later, over a month late in this district, and to a great extent the crop is "in a mess", some headed out, some in shot blade and some just out of ground in same field and all very weedy), and the Alberta Department of Agriculture was asked to make a survey of hay and feed situation in the West, with a view to

Produces Five Times as Much as Average Cow Some of Principal Calgary Winners



Altagroves Echo Korndyke, above, 8-year-old Holstein owned by Geo. M. Gibb, South Edmonton, has made the 7th highest butterfat record in Canada, and the highest in the Prairie Provinces on twice-a-day milking, the Holstein-Friesian Association of Canada announces. She produced 26,039 lbs. of milk in 365 days, with a total of 1,016 lbs. of butterfat. This record, state officials of the Alberta Department of Agriculture, is five and a half times the average production of Alberta cows. **Altagroves** was bred by M. S. Erb, South Edmonton.

Winners of some of the principal awards in the cattle classes, at the Calgary Exhibition and Stampede, are listed below:

Holstein: Hays and Company, Calgary, and Pickard and Clark, Carstairs, made a fairly clean sweep in these classes.

Hereford: Major awards were taken by W. A. Crawford-Frost, Nanton, and the Bear Claw Ranch, Dayton, Wyo.

Aberdeen-Angus: Old Hermitage Farm, Edmonton, showed the champions. Placings were also won by Bell & Schoeppe, Calgary; Marion W. Gibb, Killam; Orrin Hart, Claresholm; W. J. Hunter, Calgary, and others.

Ayrshire: Robert H. Marston, Airdrie; Art M. Gillespie, Hubalta; Richards Bros., Red Deer; and A. L. Young, Brooks, divided the championships. Among other successful exhibitors in this breed were Herbert A. Ness, De Winton; Hodgson and Borrett, Forest Lawn; H. V. Ollive, Priddis; and S. E. Ritchie, Calgary.

Jersey: Top awards were secured by F. Yeabsley, Calgary; C. D. and D. J. Enman, Wetaskiwin; estate of H. H. Longeway, Calgary; Hays Limited, Calgary; and N. Reid Clarke, Didsbury.

Shorthorn: E. Cammaert, Rockyford, and T. G. Hamilton, Innisfail, exhibited the top animals in this breed.

In Yorkshire Swine, top places were taken by Lord Rodney, Fort Saskatchewan, and D. M. Webster, Airdrie; and in Tamworths, by C. W. Lang, Okotoks, and W. A. Greenway, Acme.

In Suffolk Sheep, A. C. B. Grenville, Morrin, and P. J. Rock and Son, were chief winners; in Hampshire sheep, P. J. Rock and B. H. McDonald, Vulcan; and in Southdowns, Dave Lewis, Okotoks; Tom Hudson, Kathryn, and Rock Bros., Drumheller.

The Co-operative Milk Company of Calgary and P. Burns & Co. shared top placings in heavy draft team classes.

Best Training Movement

MORECAMBE, Eng. — The co-operative movement, said Viscount (A. V.) Alexander, former British Minister of Defence in the Labor Government, speaking to the recent Co-operative Congress here, provided the best training ground "in the country, if not in the world" for any man or woman who would really wish to serve his day, his generation and his companions. It was announced that, after more than forty years' service to the movement, Viscount Alexander would relinquish his official connection with the Co-operative Union this year, on reaching the age of 65.

Robertson Associates

Twelve Robertson Associates were elected at the recent annual meeting of the Canadian Seed Growers' Association. These included four Alberta members: J. D. Morris, Hardisty; A. Giffen, Okotoks; A. Burgess, Beaverlodge; and Sherk Bros., Huallen, These, and the other selected members, were presented with the "Robertson Token of Merit," in recognition of distinguished service to the Association and to agriculture in Canada.

purchase, and supply at cost to farmers badly in need. Immediate application to the Wheat Board for retention in the dry area of stocks of seed and feed located there was asked, and also provision for free freight, and financial arrangements to enable farmers to retain breeding stock and to seed crop land.

Officers Elected

Officers elected were: President, George Kropinski, Consort; Vice-President, F. R. Coates, Compeer; Directors: F.U.A., J. A. Cameron, Wastina; F.W.U.A., Mrs. Russell Johnston, Helmsdale; Junior, Gwen Golds, Craigmyle; sub-district directors: Marion Kelts, Consort; Lorne Proudfoot, Chinook; Mrs. Fred Roberts, Cereal; J. M. Pearce, Carolside; Mrs. G. L. Williams, Cessford; W. J. Shaddock, Rosedale; Mrs. Wm. Johnston, Big Valley. Speakers were Mrs. Armstrong, F.W.U.A. Vice-President, Mrs. R. Johnston, Miss Golds, Jim Cameron, Bruce Ellis and Henry Young, Vice-President.

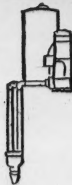
FOR BETTER INSECT CONTROL

INDIAN HEAD, Sask.—Hedges bring birds and better insect control, John Walker, superintendent of the Forest Nursery Station here, pointed out recently. An interesting suggestion made by Mr. Walker is that if fence posts and fencing be moved into tree-belt rows, more efficient cultivation of margins can be carried out, and land which would otherwise be occupied by fences becomes productive.

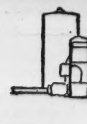
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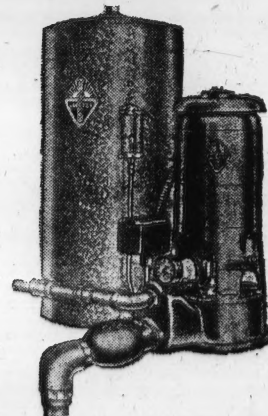
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FARM WOMEN'S INTERESTS

Including News of The Farm Women's Union of Alberta

EVERYTHING BY WAY OF COMPARISON

Dear Farm Women:—

The old saying that everything goes by way of comparison comes home to most of us I think at different times. In my last letter I commented on three little local topics that seemed uppermost in the minds of many people and in the conversation here. I cannot help but think how trivial they seem when compared with the topic that is of so much more importance just now, and important not only locally but of almost world-wide concern. I refer to the subject of the war in Korea today and the results that may be forthcoming.

Hopes for Period of Peace

When peace was signed after the last world war, I think the majority of people were hopeful that a period of peace was ahead for us all. We thought that war measures were so drastic, so widespread and so destructive of life and of our centres of civilization, with their beauty and their culture, and were also so all-pervading in their domination over national and private life everywhere, that this memory would serve as a great deterrent from any repetition of war for years to come. And then I think we optimistically hoped that in these intervening years a constructive peace policy for the world would have been formed, because the people of the different countries had been educated with that end in view.

Many went actively working to that end in public and in private life. Perhaps, on looking back, they may think that it would have been wiser to have taken different attitudes regarding some of the problems with which they have been faced. But no human being and no human institution is infallible, regardless of the high standard or the goal in sight.

But probably a much greater proportion have been indifferent to the problems of our inter-social world of today. They have been absorbed in their personal business and social interests. They have failed to realize that the privilege of Democracy demands a price—the price of intelligent interest and participation.

World Citizens With a Duty

Farmers are possibly very often among those who need to realize their world and their interests have expanded. They have expanded to the interests of their fellow-farmer, of their fellow citizen, of their own country, and of the part they play as world

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citizens. And when we speak of world citizens with a duty, we must realize we refer to women as well as men. And I think many of us must have rather a guilty conscience when we stop to think just how much we have tried to make ourselves informed, thinking citizens. Sometimes the interests may seem a bit over our head at first, but that is the part our farm women's organization can play; it can help develop the interest and the active participation.

And that need not make our organizations and the meetings a stiff course. There is much they can do. There is much in what seems the small, trivial personal things. For instance, the F.U.A. Convention which I should have been attending had I been in Alberta, sent me a card with good wishes and the signature of all the delegates. I wish I could tell you how heart-warming it was to receive it with the signature of old members and happily new ones as well.

When our organizations devote themselves to the double duty of helping the members take a deeper interest in public affairs and doing the kindly heart-warming things they so often do, they are indeed worth-while, and we can well be proud to play our part in them.

Yours sincerely,
H. ZELLA SPENCER.

News of Women's Locals

Jenny Lind F.W.U.A. (Scandia) arranged to send a delegate to the Red Cross Leadership training course, writes Mrs. Mary Ledene.

A social evening, ball game, and a meeting to hear Junior Conference reports were arranged recently by Edwell F.W.U.A. (Penhold) jointly with the men's Local.

Programs for Arrowwood F.W.U.A. meetings in June included a travelogue by Mrs. Pinkerton, and a talk on primary reading methods, with a demonstration by Grade 1 pupils.

An interesting letter from a former resident of the district, Miss Mildred Cates, now in India, was read at a meeting of Glenada F.W.U.A. (Oyen) recently. Donations have been made to the Red Cross, Cancer Society, Salvation Army.

Eastburg F.W.U.A. (Picardville) took third prize in handicrafts at the recent district conference. All members attending, writes Mrs. Louis Paquette, greatly enjoyed this event, particularly the addresses on fruit growing and other topics.

Members of the Golden Glow and Millet branches of the Women's Institute were guests of the Hillside F.W.U.A. at the July meeting held at the home of Mrs. W. Ross, Millet. P. D. McCalla, Supervisor of Horticultural Projects for Alberta, was the special speaker.

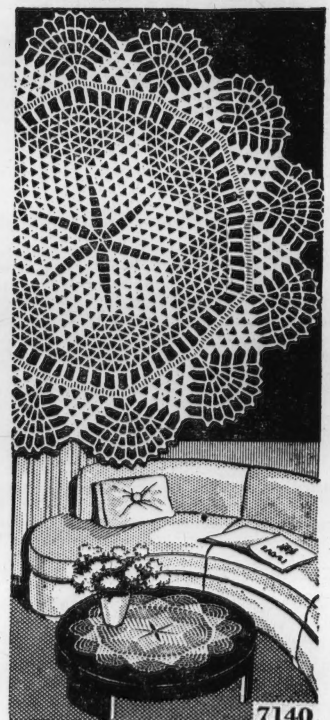
Doubt as to possible savings or other advantages to be gained by the county system was expressed by members of Heath F.W.U.A. when the matter was discussed at a recent meeting. This Local decided to join the Canadian Association of Consumers as a group.

Lively discussion followed reading

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of the bulletin on horticulture at a recent meeting of Jefferson F.W.U.A. (Woolford), writes Mrs. Kienholz, secretary. Mrs. Rinehart read some literature used to help displaced persons learn English.

Recently Pickardville F.W.U.A. arranged to have a booth at the July 1st Sports Day, writes Mrs. S. E. Smith.

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Message From the New Junior President

Fellow Juniors:

This message is delivered to you in all sincerity and as I feel the necessity of a strong Junior Farmer organization I am ready to serve faithfully the Farm Young People of Alberta.

The motto of the F.U.A., "Service and Security", is an excellent expression of what we should aim for, because it is only through service that we may gain security.

To give excellent examples of service we have only to look back one year. Last year the Junior President, Edward Ness, came up with the super idea of sponsoring a Junior F.U.A. Stampede Queen for the Calgary Stampede. It went into full swing and as a result Miss Eileen Becker won the contest. But there is one person in particular to whom a special tribute is due: Miss Eileen Birch, secretary pro tem of the Junior F.U.A. Her genuine example of service made the winning of the contest possible.

A Union in the true sense of the word, however, is a movement whereby all members accept their responsibilities with as much enthusiasm as anyone in the key positions. It is only by doing this that we may have a stalwart organization representing the agricultural population.

Must Increase Membership

The objectives of the Junior Constitution and program are ideal, but we must not overlook the fact that they do not serve their full purpose unless they benefit a full membership. Our main objective therefore should be to increase our membership so that all young farm people in Alberta may enjoy the benefits derived from an active Junior F.U.A. So, tell your non-member neighbors about it, and employ your "freedom of speech" to sell the fine product that we have to offer. I will at all times be only too glad to supply information on request.

In closing, I would like to make it clear that, as your President, I am ready to represent you as your servant.

Co-operatively,
JAMES ELLETT,
President Junior F.U.A.

BRITISH AGRICULTURE (Continued from Page 3)

A number of significant contrasts between farms in Canada and in the United Kingdom and some parts of northern Europe were mentioned by the speaker. In Canada the average size of farms is 240 acres (Saskatchewan's 125,000 farms averaging 450 acres). In England and Wales there are some 290,000 separate farms over 5 acres, 75 per cent of which have less than 100 acres in crops and grass. In Northern Ireland there are 88,000 farms, 42 per cent of which are under 15 acres and 82 per cent under 50 acres. (In Denmark, said the speaker in passing, there are 200,000 farms, of which 50 per cent are under 25 acres in size.)

Whereas in Canada 75 per cent of the farmers own their lands, in England and Wales only 33 per cent do so. Seventeen different types of farming are carried on in those two countries, dairying predominating with 160,000 dairy farmers selling milk — representing 90 per cent of the herds.

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Highly Mechanized

The extent to which mechanization of agriculture has gone in the United Kingdom was revealed in figures which showed that whereas four out of ten farmers in Canada own tractors, five out of ten farmers do so in the U.K., where the total tractors in use number 300,000 and the combines 9,000. The number of tractors in Saskatchewan was 72,000 in 1946.

"In Saskatchewan," said Mr. Hartnett, "we have approximately 24 million acres in wheat and summerfallow annually. In the United Kingdom, there are 10 million acres under crops (8 million in wheat) and 10 million acres in permanent pasture, and 3.5 million in temporary pasture.

Average Wheat Yield 37 Bushels

"In Saskatchewan our long-term wheat yield averages 14 to 15 bushels, as compared with 37 bushels in the United Kingdom. In Saskatchewan our rainfall is from 10 to 20 inches annually; in the United Kingdom the rainfall ranges from 30 to 90 inches."

Comparative number of livestock on farms in June, 1949, were given as follows:

	Canada	U.K.
Cattle	9,081,000	10,239,000
Pigs	5,163,000	2,811,000
Sheep and Lambs	2,075,000	19,507,000

While in the U.K. cattle and sheep and lambs had increased in numbers in 1949, there had been a decrease in Canada. The speaker gave these figures:

	Canada	U.K.
Sheep and Lambs	172,000	+866,000
Cattle	395,000	+340,000
Pigs	700,000	+488,000

Beef Shortage Biggest "Beef"

"Most people in Britain are better fed than they have been in the past," said Mr. Hartnett. "The food available is fairly apportioned, but the diet lacks variety and is monotonous. The

people's biggest 'beef' is the shortage of it. The health of the people is better than it has ever been before.

"Before the last war, 50 per cent of the U.K. meat supply came from home production, and 50 per cent from overseas. Today there is only 75 per cent as much meat available to meet requirements, and only 45 per cent is home produced." The reason for this was that there had been heavy concentration on increased milk production; that concentrates for feed were less in quantity, and that during the war it had been necessary to plow up much pasture land for grain and potatoes.

Four-Year Expansion Program

Mr. Hartnett gave an interesting description of present production policy. A four-year program of expansion had been adopted, targets being set against the time when Marshall Aid ceases in 1952. (The British had every hope of reaching their objective.) By that year farm production is to be raised to 20 per cent above its present level — which will be 50 per cent above the pre-war level and 15 per cent above the wartime peak. Commodity targets were given as follows, as percentages of pre-war production: milk and milk products, 123; beef and veal, 110; mutton and lamb, 83; pig meat, 92; eggs, 131; bread grains, 158; coarse grains, 196; potatoes, 157; sugar beets (roots), 131.

(In 1947 the U.K. produced 22 per cents of its wheat and flour requirements, compared with 12 per cent pre-war.)

"Efficiency and Stability," the speaker found, are the watchwords in British agriculture. In the Agricultural Act of 1947 the purpose of this measure is stated to be (1) "To provide the essential foundations of a stable and prosperous agriculture" . . . to restore prosperity to an industry that has suffered 20 years of neglect, and to ensure the right use of the land in the public interest.

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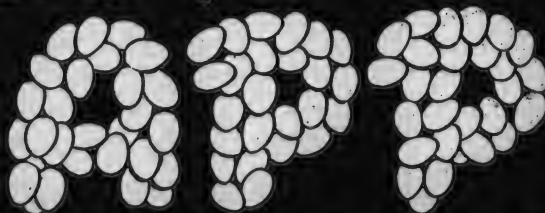
cultural products. To this end, meetings for the purpose of reviewing prices are held annually between representatives of the Government and the Farmers' Union.

(3) Maintenance of minimum standards of good husbandry and farm management by landowners and tenants in return for guaranteed prices.

(4) Security of tenure, except where an operator goes bankrupt or is a chronically bad farmer who will not improve his practices. Compensation is provided for a tenant for improvements he may make during his tenure.

(5) Setting up of County Agricultural Executive Committees and a National Agricultural Advisory Service.

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World Wheat Situation

By LEONARD D. NESBITT,
Superintendent of Publicity,
Alberta Wheat Pool

Western Canada is likely to produce a wheat crop substantially in excess of the 337 million bushel outturn in 1949. Mid-July crop prospects in both Manitoba and Saskatchewan are very good. Saskatchewan, with a seeded acreage of 15.9 million, can turn out an average production of 20 bushels to the acre with any kind of luck. The Manitoba acreage is 2.8 million. In Alberta this year's wheat acreage is 7.3 million. Crop conditions are not as good as in the rest of the West, but the yield is likely to be higher than the 97 million bushels of wheat harvested in 1949.

World wheat prospects appear to be generally good. Europe has the promise of the best wheat crop since the end of World War Two.

The United States crop estimate has been increased by 12 million bushels to 2,956,586,000. There will likely be no dearth of wheat in the world, but the prospect of war offsets fears of surpluses.

Record Single Shipment

VANCOUVER, B.C. — A record for a single shipment by one British car firm was the order for 650 Hillman Minx cars to Vancouver. It was valued at \$750,000.

Ship Electric Motors

BRISTOL, Eng. — Electric motors are being exported to the U.S. by a British firm — the first step towards the firm's objective of a program grossing millions annually.

A.L.C. ANNUAL MEETING

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dian and U.S. price patterns is seen also in the somewhat unusual spread between cattle and hog prices, which, at times, is hard to explain.

"Thirty years ago, when livestock prices bulged after the first war, and the price of hogs reached an all-time high of \$20 a cwt., live-weight, in Edmonton, peculiarly enough top steers were only bringing from \$11.50 to \$12.50 per cwt. Compare these prices with what we have today, with hogs at approximately \$24 a hundred live-weight and top steers over \$29 a hundred."

Results Problematical

If the U.S. line should be opened within the coming year to the move-

Livestock Markets Review

EDMONTON STOCKYARDS, July 18. — Top prices paid last week on choice steers was \$29.60, and good to choice heifers topped at \$27.50. Good cows sold \$21 to \$22, down to \$16 for common; canners and cutters \$11 to \$15; bulls, \$17 to \$22. Grade A hogs for shipment were steady at \$32; good spring lambs \$26 to \$28 and shearlings \$20 to \$22.

CALGARY STOCKYARDS, July 19th.

— Strong trade with keen demand for all classes of cattle marked yesterday's market. Grade A hogs sold \$32.25 to \$32.50, good lambs \$26 to \$27. Good to choice butcher steers were \$29.50 to \$31, down to \$21 for common; good to choice heifers \$27.50 to \$29, down to \$20; good cows \$21.50 to \$23, down to \$19.50 for common; canners and cutters \$14.50 to \$19.

The Dairy Market

The outlook for pasture, fodder and hay is much improved by last week's rains, though the improvement is not as yet reflected in production. Prices remain unchanged, with butter locally at 50½ cents, solids; special cream is 54 cents, No. 1 is 52, No. 2 is 38 and off-grade 33, all f.o.b. Calgary.

ment of hogs and pork products, said Mr. Allen, the results on the volume of our hog production would be problematical. On the one hand, U.S. prices for hogs had been considerably lower than Canadian, but on the other, the average quality of U.S. hogs was lower, and Canadian hogs might command a premium which might offset the difference in the general price level.

While the domestic demand for pork products had raised the price of hogs here to a satisfactory level, if a surplus should appear in the future the U.S. market might be the only hope, declared the report.

Light on Government Policy

Light on Government policy in respect to this matter was shed at an A.L.C. sponsored public meeting later, when Hon. J. G. Gardiner declared that nothing would be done to disturb the present export of cattle to the U.S., but added that "there is little likelihood" of the Government making any move to lift the barrier against the export of hogs and pork to the U.S. "If that were done," said Mr. Gardiner, "the barrier would have to be open both ways, and American hog prices are much lower than hog prices in Canada."

Dealing with general market prospects, Mr. Gardiner said: "I am as certain as can be that a year from now we will be without

Prolongs Carrying Capacity

SCOTT, Sask. — Addition of a legume such as alfalfa to grass mixtures, under semi-arid prairie conditions, will definitely prolong hay and pasture carrying capacity, it is shown by experiments carried out at the Experimental Station here. A mixture that is regarded as standard at the Station is four pounds of brome, three of crested wheat grass and two of alfalfa, per acre. This mixture gives a stand not too heavy for dry conditions, and is particularly good for slightly rolling land; the crested wheat grass will dominate on the drier hills while the alfalfa and brome will do well in the depressions.

any troublesome surpluses of farm products."

Only about wheat might there be any doubt, and if there were a bumper crop of wheat (say 560,000,000 bushels), it might be necessary "to feed some to cattle or hogs to get \$1.75 a bushel for it."

Mr. Gardiner said increased production of both cattle and hogs is essential to continued high farm income in Western Canada. There was a ready market for cheese in Britain, the only dairy product Canada was in a position to export. Of the surplus 60,000,000 lbs. of butter in storage, about which he said the Government had been criticized, the Minister declared this was not unusual, and that the floor had benefited both producer and consumer. As to the wheat contract with Britain, he was confident "the spirit of the contract would be honored."

Case for Optional Grading

That the discounts on off-grade hogs are "nothing short of a deliberate steal on the part of the packers," was the opinion expressed by S. W. Sheppard, Edmonton Manager, in his report. If the optional basis of grading were available, as the A.L.C. had urged, weighty hogs could be shipped east, where there are available markets, but carcass grading meant a denial of that privilege. "I know that if the optional basis were available, the packers would immediately raise the price on off-grade hogs and make it more comparative with the discounts that prevailed in 1939." The packers were a "cartel" and were "making millions out of these off-grades."

Most instructive surveys of the livestock marketing situation in many aspects were contained in the Directors' report given by Mr. Allen, and in the reports of Mr. Sheppard and the Calgary and Lethbridge Managers, George Winkelaar and Stan Symons. Reference was made to the achievement of a faithful and loyal staff, and "the faithful and valuable service rendered by Miss O'Neill", Director of Publicity, was specifically mentioned.

Directors for Coming Year

President of the Alberta Livestock Co-operative for the coming year is C. P. Hayes of Strome, other officers being: Vice-President, J. T. Holland, Fleet; J. R. Tomlinson, Executive Director; R. M. Hibbert, Secretary-Treasurer. All retiring members of the Board had previously been re-elected, as follows: Messrs. Allen, Holland, Hayes, for three-year terms. The other Directors are: R. E. Chown, Bentley; C. D. Lane, Neutral Hills; E. W. Cormack, Alix; J. R. Tomlinson, Foisy. Fred McDonald of Mirror is Honorary Vice-President.

The Executive was instructed to investigate sources of application and administration of condemnation insurance, and the Board was asked to consider the holding of the next Annual Meeting in Calgary.

SEEK SAME IMMUNITY AS ELEVATOR AGENTS

Necessity for legislation which will give to shippers of livestock immunity from liability in handling stolen hogs and sheep "to the same extent as that now afforded elevator agents handling grain", will continue to be urged from the Alberta Government by the Board of the A.L.C.

● CORRESPONDENCE ●

THE PRODUCERS' ROLE

Editor, The Western Farm Leader:

Dear Sir: I was very pleased to read your constructive editorial on "The Producers' Role", with its reasoned conclusion (from a variety of events and trends) that, "The producers themselves intend to play a major role in ensuring the orderly marketing of their products." (Western Farm Leader, April 7th.)

The recent decision of the organized dairy farmers concerning that 1 per cent "set aside levy" on butterfat, or milk equivalent, during June — by which it is estimated that nigh a quarter-million dollars can be assembled — to tell the "Story of Butter", and dairy products generally, to our urban brethren, certainly gives a keen and "golden" point to the above conclusion!

It is almost proverbial that while the farmer is still, as one of the philosophers described him in 1850, "a slow, steady man; timed to Nature, rather than city watches", he tends to do things well and does not turn back, and hangs grimly to his direction — in sunlight and in shadow!

It is the trend, it is the dream, which gives the above decision its enduring meaning to this urban mind. Already I've seen more favorable references to our "Dairy Farmers" in all manner of daily news and editorials than since the original skirmish between butter and margarine was lost. I am convinced that, once the Canadian people see this rural-urban scene in fair focus, they will know how to act!

WALTER P. DAVISSON.

FACTS FOR FARMERS

Editor, The Western Farm Leader:

The drop in farm prices, and, the development of embarrassing surpluses, are causing grave concern among farm leaders. The Country Guide, May 1950, states at the "end of March 1950, the Commodity Credit Corporation in the U.S.A. Department of Agriculture was affording price support to . . . a total of all grains supported by all methods of 830,381,671 bushels."

The U.S.A. Commodity Credit Corporation's new policy is to move C.C.C. excess into EXPORT THROUGH REGULAR TRADE CHANNELS to develop and negotiate sales abroad. The U.S.A. Senate gave its approval and assured the grain trade participation in the following words: "The grain trade . . . shall employ the services of dealers, commission merchants and other channels." The U.S.A. Grange urges, "the EXPORT surplus to be sold by farmers at lower prices than price support for domestic consumption."

A. N. Duckham, British Agricultural attache in Washington, said: "Fixed and guaranteed prices seem to be preferred to the minimum price support system favored by U.S.A." This U.S.A. system of price supports leads to dumping by the Commodity Credit Corporation, which has just got \$2 billion increased borrowing authority for 1950 crops. H. H. Hannam, President of the I.F.A.P. and the C.F.A., said to the Cabinet: "Believing in the soundness of the principle of International Commodity Agreements as exemplified in the International Wheat Agreement, we urge the Government to maintain its active support of this

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**Mistake to Think Wartime
Export Level Could Be
Held, States Hope**

CHARLOTTETOWN, P.E.I. — Because the trend of export markets for a number of major Canadian farm products is downward, Dr. E. C. Hope, Economist for the Canadian Federation of Agriculture, believes the development of markets for these products (except beef and wheat) must be more and more in the domestic field. Dr. Hope expressed these views at the annual meeting of the Agricultural Institute of Canada, held here recently.

Challenges "No Surpluses" View

The view that there are now no surpluses of butter or cheese in Canada was challenged by Dr. Hope. In the farmer's view, he said, a surplus of farm products exists "when it has resulted in a price so low to the farmer that the majority of farmers cannot profitably maintain current levels of production." The main buyer of Canadian food products, the United Kingdom, was not in a position to maintain her purchases of foods in Canada at recent levels; and devaluation had compelled the U.K. to reduce its price for bacon and cheese 20 to 25 per cent, and to discontinue imports of eggs.

What Dairy Farmers Notice

"Dairy farmers," said Dr. Hope, "have seen the price for butter fall from 70 cents a pound in 1948 to 58 in 1949 and 53 in 1950, and notice that the dairy board held this spring some 19 million lbs. of butter over from last year, bought at 58.5 cents and now selling for 51, after being carried a year. They also note that the prices support board had to purchase some 20 million lbs. of cheese to support the 30 cent price of last year. This cheese

agreement." "We are fearful that... the pressure from surplus farm products in domestic economies may induce agricultural exporting countries to enter into competitive DUMPING ON WORLD MARKETS." "As a means... to facilitate the movement of farm surpluses... certain proposals were embodied in the International Commodity Clearing House" plan by the I.F.A.P. "We strongly recommend that the Government continue to work for the establishment of a full-fledged international agency as envisioned by the I.F.A.P. conference and the F.A.O. clearing house proposals."

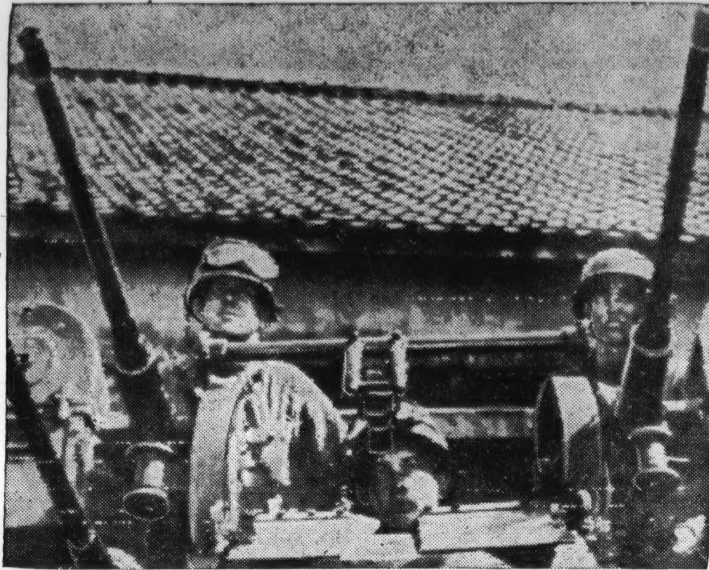
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is going on the market at the new lower price this year."

These examples were offered, said Dr. Hope, not as criticism of Government action, but as evidence that a surplus exists.

It had been a mistake, thought Dr. Hope, to believe that at least a large part of the high level of wartime food exports could be maintained in the post-war years. Had it not been for the war, Canada would have been on a domestic market basis some years ago for farm products (except wheat and beef). Newer and greater avenues of consumption must be developed at home if farmers were to maintain production.

Sees Poor Overseas Market

The speaker ventured to predict that for the next ten years — barring war — the overseas market for Canadian food products would be very poor. Even reduced costs in Europe and lowering of tariffs in the dollar countries would have little effect. As to the British market, he said:

"Even without Britain's balance of payment difficulties, there never was any sound reason why under a restoration of pre-war competitive conditions, farmers would be in a stronger position than they were before the war to compete in the British market, with nations who had always been able to supply Britain with such products more easily and more cheaply."

Expects Depression and Domestic Decline

The demand for food products in North America, Dr. Hope believes, would be depressed when the present building and investment boom passed its peak by the early 'fifties. "For the time being," he said, "my guess is that experiments of the planners will be only partially successful, and that we shall experience by the middle and late 'fifties quite a decline in domestic demand for food, due to a good-sized business depression."

Organized agriculture, said Dr. Hope, had been very appreciative of Government price support programs, especially in making the Price Support Act a permanent measure.

What Basis of "Parity"?

The difficulties of determining at what price level action would be taken were discussed. How would the Government interpret the clause calling for a "fair relationship" between returns from farming and from other occupations? The Minister of Agriculture had sometimes suggested that 1943-1945 might be taken as a basis; but if that period were taken to represent "parity", present support price levels for various products were substantially below parity.

Long continued negotiations

with Britain on food purchases, and delay in announcing Government action, were regarded by some farmers as "a war of nerves".

What Federation Asked

Dr. Hope outlined the price supports already granted by the Government, and dealt in detail with the proposals of the C.F.A. The Federation, he made clear, had not asked for support at peak levels of 1948, but had asked for support for eggs, bacon, cheese and butter at 1949 levels. These were about 10 per cent below those of 1948, and production costs, in the interval, had gone up.

Federation thinking had been much along the line of the Brannan plan in the U.S. for some products. With respect to butter, it had recommended a substantial reduction in the support price, to give consumers a lower price, and a supplementary payment to dairy farmers to maintain production.

"Those who know the leaders of the farm movement in Canada," concluded Dr. Hope, "realize that these men are sincere, practical and well informed, seeking a solution to the problem of more security and stability for the farmer. They seek a framework of policy which in the long run will be sound, not lead to regimentation, and will be in the best interests of all groups."

Identifying Weeds

Every farmer should "know the weeds he grows," suggests Dr. F. J. Greaney, Director, Line Elevators Farm Service, in a recent bulletin. Identification is the first step in control, and there are many services equipped to name specimens sent to them. It is important to send complete specimens — root, stems, leaves and flowers or seeds. All soil should be removed by shaking or washing, and plants thoroughly dried to prevent molding; if more than one is being sent, each should be wrapped separately and numbered. Line Elevators offer a Weed Identification Service; or, specimens may be mailed to the Provincial Department of Agriculture, or agricultural representative; Dominion Experimental stations; the University; or the Division of Botany, Science Service, Ottawa.

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MUSTARD AND CRESS

By SYDNEY MAY

Hello, Folks!

We understand that soap operas are now being broadcast in Japan. Heck, and we thought that the punishment of war criminals was finished.

News item in the Salt Lake Tribune: "Sale of liquor to Indians occupied much of Judge Johnson's time Saturday morning." Perhaps His Honor was only trying to make a little on the side for his holidays.

We trust that those Calgary youths whose impulsive ignorance of true democracy led them to stage a regrettable display on the occasion of the visit of the Dean of Canterbury have taken note of the fact that on his arrival home Princess Margaret went down to Canterbury to be shown around the Cathedral by both the Archbishop and the Dean, and had her photograph taken with them.

Surely company that was good enough for a Princess of the Commonwealth ought to have been good enough for immature Calgary students.

While on the subject it might be as well to quote the Archbishop himself. Concerning the Dean he says: "Despite his political views he is not an anti-Christian. . . . You may think that it is odd that I try to defend him like

this. I think he is mistaken, but I believe he is not, in himself, disloyal to his interpretations of the Christian faith."

Incidentally, "Free Speech" is one of the chief tenets of democracy, and it seems strange that the Dean's scholarly addresses are listened to respectfully in England, which is the cradle of democracy, while in many parts of Canada not only were attempts made to deny him the right to speak but he was subjected to actual personal attacks; and the "land of the free" would not even permit him to set foot on American soil at Hawaii when he planned to fly from Australia to Canada across the Pacific.

This column pauses here to express sincere regret at the passing of Betty Bletcher, former editor of the Women's Page of the Lethbridge Herald. Betty was a first-class newspaper woman, a good sport, and tops as a friend. She will be sadly missed among the scribes of the Southern City. R.I.P.

MIXTURE AS BEFORE

"According to meteorological folklore (which Medicine Hat swears is true), all the weather for Western Canada starts there." — From Maclean's Magazine.

Judging by the weather that has been dished out around this neck of the woods most of this year, the Hat seems to need a different kind of Medicine. We don't like its dosage.

According to a news item the Soviet Union reports that industrial production already is close to reaching the daily output set for the five-year plan. The biggest single increase: champagne production, up 453 per cent. Proving, as Mr. Stalin will no doubt say, that the five-year plan is no fizz.

MIGHT BE GOOD IDEA

J.K.N., Camrose, suggests that a delegation be sent to Ottawa to serenade the Parliamentary Committee on Pensions with that once popular song that begins: "Darling I Am Growing Old."

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What is this strange creation,
neither a beast nor god?
Hands raised in supplication;
feet in the clinging sod.

Eyes blazing righteous anger;
filled with the fire of lust;
Searching the tomes for knowledge;
reveling in the dust.

Slave to self and its strivings,
weighted with greed and hate;
Desiring country and children;
impatient with laws of State.

Gorged with the flesh of creatures,
indifferent to their cries;
Yelling for truth and justice;
sunk in a maze of lies.

Forever pleading omniscience
with eloquent tongue and pen;
MAN crying unto the heavens.
May Heaven forgive him then!

—Elizabeth Wood,
Salmon Arm, B.C.

ENGLISH AS SHE IS WROTE

BUDAPEST (CP) — Hungarian prosecutor Gyula Alapi today asked the "MOST SEVERE PUNISHMENT" for American business man Robert A. Vogeler and his co-defendants on trial for spying and sabotage. But he did not ask the SEVEREST penalty — death. — News Dispatch in the Calgary Herald.

Perhaps one of our erudite readers will be kind enough to tell us the difference between the "Most Severe" penalty and the "Severest." How about you, Boss? We're stumped.

"Yet today, after years of war prosperity, the vast majority of Americans make less than \$33,000 a year. What's so free about such enterprise?" — The Socialist Call.

O.K., we'll buy it. What is so free?

"Thirty-five men were provided with 122 articles of clothing in March by the Sunshine division of the Portland Police Department, according to a report compiled by Capt. Walter A. Tyler, commander. In addition, 12 women were given 24 articles of clothing and 28 were given 15 children." — From the Oregon Journal.

Some of the cops must have had a gay old time, what?

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That "You can SCHLING your hook."

—Li'l Goldilocks.

We understand that there is to be stricter censorship of the gals' bathing suits at U.S. beaches this summer. For good and fitting reasons, we suppose.

We presume chartered accountants will be appointed censors as they are particularly good at figures.

Vancouver, B.C., guy named Schumann was sentenced to six months in jail for stealing two pencils. Bet he wasn't allowed to write his own ticket.

However, we suppose it would be all right to say that he drew a prison term.

Report from Sutton, Eng., states that H. B. Day, veteran of the South African war, has been informed he is to receive the Meritorious Service medal for which he was recommended more than 45 years ago. "O Happy Day!"

LET'S CALL IT A DAY!

ASK NEW ACT

Declaring that the Automobile Accident Indemnity Act now in force in Alberta is not satisfactory, a recent circular from the Farmers' Union of Alberta urges enactment of a new Act which would provide basic minimum insurance automatically, at cost, through the Government Insurance branch. Advantages of the Saskatchewan Automobile Insurance Act are set forth.

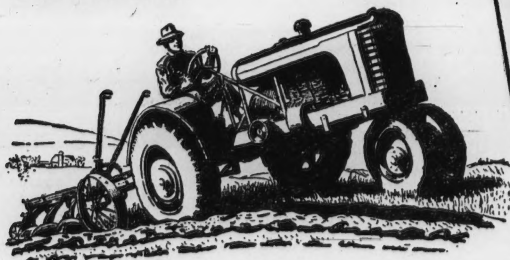
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One group of agricultural scientists testified to the necessity of substances now recommended for the control of pests which interfere with the production of fresh fruit and vegetables. Without them the quality and quantity of the produce will decrease rapidly, until commercial production of fruit and vegetables would be discontinued entirely.

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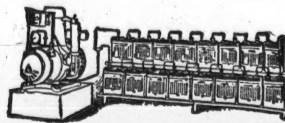
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